

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

14. (withdrawn)

15. (previously amended): A method of making amino acids comprising expressing an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding pyruvate carboxylase comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide having the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO: 2;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the pyruvate carboxylase polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-982; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a) or (b), and recovering said amino acids.

16. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein said amino acid is lysine.

17. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein pyruvate carboxylase is expressed 2 to 20 fold higher than in *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.